## **Lynn Griffiths**

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Re: HB 6517

To the Members of the Education Committee:

My name is Lynn Griffiths, and I live in Thompson, Connecticut. I fully support HB 6517 which creates necessary frameworks, guidance, and accountability to support dyslexia legislation implementation. I submit my testimony as a mother of a severely dyslexic child.

Given the prevalence of dyslexia, it is imperative that schools have the training and tools to allow our children access to the free and appropriate education they are legally entitled to. Too often dyslexic children are overlooked and assumed to be lazy or stupid. Their self esteem therefore plummets, and they suffer life long struggles that could be easily avoided.

It is with a great sense of urgency that I respectfully request that you pass HB 6517. It is only through the use of evidence based approaches coupled with the right training and practicum experiences that we will see changes in our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

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